

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Thursday 18th of January 2024

Date of Hearing: Thursday 18th of January 2024
Venue of Hearing: Greyhound Racing Victoria Head Office
Name: Mr Jason MASKIELL
Date of offence: 24th of May 2022 – 13th of March 2023

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 24 (1)**

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Rule: **GRV Local Rule (LR) 12(1)**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Dylan Bartolo and Mr Benjamin Considine

REPORT

On Monday, 4th of December 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Jason Maskiell considering three (3) charges relating to the retirement, sterilisation and rehoming of greyhounds ACT ON IMPULSE (VHQNH), I'M WAITING (VJRKL) and UNNAMED (VJPSP) whom were owned by Mr Jason Maskiell.

On Thursday, 18th of January 2024, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr Jason Maskiell in relation to the charges. Mr Maskiell believed he had taken all necessary steps to find the greyhounds a suitable home and had complied with his obligations under the rules of racing concerning all three charges.

The charges are as follows:

CHARGE 1

Greyhound Australasian Rule 24 (1)

Relates to the mandatory sterilisation of greyhound I'M WAITING (VJRKL) prior to the greyhound being rehomed to a third party.

Mr Jason Maskiell pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

CHARGE 2

Greyhound Australasian Rule 24 (1)

Relates to the mandatory sterilisation of greyhound UNNAMED (VJPSP) prior to the greyhound being rehomed to a third party.

Mr Jason Maskiell pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing.

CHARGE 3

Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rule (LR) 12 (1)

Relates to the rehoming efforts undertaken to find greyhound ACT ON IMPULSE (VHQNH) an appropriate home in accordance with the local rules of racing.

Mr Jason Maskiell pleaded not guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

PENALTY

Charge 1 & 2

- \$500 fine with \$250 suspended for a period of 12 months.

Charge 3

- Official Warning.

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr MASKIELL's explanation around the rehoming of the greyhound and his involvement in finding the greyhound an appropriate home.
- Mr MASKIELL's not guilty plea.
- Mr MASKIELL's prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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